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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AT POGGIO A CAIANO

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1. ON SUNDAY, JULY 11, CITY GOVERNMENT OF THE SAMLL CITY OF POGGIO A CAIANO (NEAR FLORENCE) HELD CELEBRATION TO HONOR THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL AND TO HONOR ITS MOST DISTINGUISHED NATIVE CITIZEN FILIPPO MAZZEI, THE FRIEND OF JEFFERSON, MADISON, WASHINGTON AND JOHN ADAMS.

2. CEREMONY CONSISTED OF UNVEILING BUST OF MAZZEI IN ITS PERMANENT PLACE OF DISPLAY IN CITY HALL, INSTALLING AND COMMEMORATING PLAQUE ATTACHED TO THE HOUSE WHERE HE WAS BORN, REMARKS BY THE MAYOR (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT), THE CONSUL GENERAL AND AN ADDRESS BY A LOCAL SCHOLAR OF AMERICAN HISTORY.

3. THE PLAQUE ATTACHED TO THE HOUSE WHERE MAZZEI WAS BORN O IS VISIBLE FROM THE MAIN STREET OF THE CITY AND BEARS THE FOLLOWING INSCRIPTION (INFORMAL TRANSLATION): QUOTEHR EEE QUOTE HERE ON DECEMBER 25, 1730 WAS BORN FILIPPO MAZZEI, TRAVELER, DIPLOMAT, AND FARMER WHO THROUGH HIS WRITINGS, MANY FRIENDS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN THE AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT. THE CITY OF POGGIO A CAINA EEE CAIANO CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS PLACED THIS PLAQUE. JULY 4TH, 1976. UNQUOTE.

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4. CELEBRATION WAS WELL ATTENDED AND INCLUDED BAND CONCERT.

ACTUAL PLACING OF PLAQUE ALTHOUGH DATED JULY 4, 1976 WAS
MOVED TO JULY 11 BECAUSE OF CONFLICT WITH OTHER BICENTENNIAL
CELEBRATIONS. GORDON

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